

Lake County Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Dec. 21. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 27 at 10 a.m.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a public hearing was held concerning some proposed revisions to county subdivision regulations.

David Radachy, speaking on behalf of the Lake County Planning Commission advised of the proposed changes.

No one spoke either for or against the revisions.

At the Dec. 13 meeting, the following resolutions were adopted:

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution of an agreement on behalf of the Lake County Engineer and Burgess & Niple for preparation of construction plans and specifications for reconstruction of Vrooman Road, Leroy Township in an amount not exceed \$330,000.

The funds will come from the Engineer's Office funds.

Commissioner Ray Sines, who voted no on the resolution, said the project was a "consultant's dream" and he estimated consulting costs have run about \$3 million so far and believed the total cost for the bridge would be \$35 million rather than the engineer's estimated \$24 million.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Awarding a bid contract to Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. for East 332nd St., Alva, Barbara, Louis Waterline Replacement Project 330-W in the amount of \$1,051,134.

The waterline to be replaced is 3,400 feet of 8-inch ductile iron, 1,800 feet of 12-inch ductile iron waterline, 20 fire hydrants and copper service lines.

- Approving plans, specifications and estimates of cost in the amount of \$91,842.96 for Reedhurst Farms No. 2, Job No. 12-69, in the city of Mentor.

Fouerever Green Trust, Inc., Jerome T. Osborne III, trustee is funding this new Mentor subdivision. The cost is for 714 feet of sanitary sewer for 12 sublots.

- Approving change order No. 1 with Infinity Paving Company, Inc. for Stirling Road Pavement Repair Project No. 337S, in Madison Township, increasing the total contract amount by \$478.40.

The change order is for additional asphalt replacement.

- Approving change order No. 2 with North Bay construction, Inc. for Bacon

Road Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation and Filtration System, Project No. 309-W for the Lake County Department of Utilities decreasing the total contract amount by \$78,395.44.

- Approving final estimate No. 15 in the amount of \$116,485.36 with North Bay Construction, Inc. and accepting a maintenance bond in the amount of \$2,833,738.66 for Bacon Road Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation and Filtration System Project No. 309-W.

- Authorizing advertising for bids for limestone for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date of Jan. 9, 2013.

The estimates are: water, \$100,000; sewer, \$8,500; and solid waste, \$20,500 for a total of \$129,000.

- Transferring appropriations from LCDU Water District salaries to hospitalization.

- Transferring appropriations from 218S Bond Interest to 218S Bond Principal and transferring case from various LCDU Sewer District transfers out to OWDA Bond Retirement transfers in.

- Accepting the retirement resignation of Douglas Bradley from his position of assistant sanitary engineer with the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Dec. 26.

- Certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

- Authorizing execution

of a professional service agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Job and Family Services and Gerald A. Strom in an amount not to exceed \$6,000, effective Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013.

The service is consultation of investigative sexual abuse interviewing protocol.

- Approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant Dec. 21 in the amount of \$375,116.40.

The breakdown of charges is: Public Assistance, \$123,110.71; Workforce Investment, \$17,489.50; Child Support Enforcement, \$1,519.74; Child Welfare, \$232,996.45.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

- Authorizing execution of a professional service agreement between Lexis Nexis and the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Law Library for print subscriptions, effective Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2015.

The 2013 cost would be \$29,255, plus shipping and handling; 2014, \$30,102 and 2015, \$30,714.

- Accepting the resignation of David Lyles from the Lake County Telecommunications Department effective Jan. 9, 2013.

- Appointing Painesville Police Chief Troy Hager and Wickliffe Police Chief Randy E. Ice to the Lake County Narcotics Executive Board

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for three-year terms commencing Jan. 1, 2013 and ending Dec. 31, 2015.

- Authorizing execution of a 24-month agreement for life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for Lake County officials and employees with Sun Life Financial, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

- Reclassifying Robert Randall from the position of maintenance helper to tradesman in the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department effective Dec. 17.

- Authorizing execution of an agreement to participate in the public works non-emergency and emergency shared services program.

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT

- Approving payment of bills in the amount of \$3,122,450.27.

- Approving purchase orders in the amount of \$959,067.27.

- Increasing and decreasing appropriations for various non-general fund accounts.

- Transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

NEW BUSINESS

- Aufuldish announced Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo) had been awarded from the Department of Energy a \$5 million grant, with a \$1 million match required (which is already available without any public funds).

(LEEDCo is a private, nonprofit corporation whose primary goal is to build wind turbines in Lake Erie and to help promote industries related to wind turbines. It's main efforts are in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake and Lorain counties, which all border Lake Erie.)

"This next year, 2013, will be a very pivotal year for the LEEDCo Board," Aufuldish said. "There's various guidelines that came with this grant, and if all those guidelines are met, we can apply again for \$10 million a year, each year, for the next four years."

He said the estimated cost for the nine planned wind turbines is about \$40 million and could generate many jobs in Northeast Ohio.

- Troy said he attended two conferences with the National Association of Counties and the main concern were the "fiscal cliff"

negotiations Congress was holding in Washington, D.C. Everyone is concerned about how they will be affected by the results of the discussions on taxes.

So far, it appears municipal bonds will retain their tax-exempt status.

It is believed Congress and the President will reach some agreements, but probably not until the last minute.

Another major topic coming up will be immigration reform.

In the state legislature, the 911 monthly fee has been retained permanently, although it was reduced from 28 cents to 25 cents per month.

Another change, Troy said, was that the Ohio Supreme Court ruled engineer departments should pay for their own insurance from the income they derive from license plate fees and gas taxes, rather than payment coming from county general funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation, real estate and personnel compensation.